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Review

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'Japan stands at the brink of a major financial crisis... Authors John Haffner, Tomas Casas i Klett and Jean-Pierre Lehmann argue that an economic mega-shock would be helpful for the Japanese economy — throwing it open to new ideas, investments and policies.' —'The Globalist'

'What needs to be done is summed up 'Japan's Open Future'. Authors John Haffner, Tomas Casas i Klett and Jean-Pierre Lehmann make a spirited case for a more flexible and globally engaged Japan. They also focus on the real problem: an absence of creative thinking in Tokyo.' —William Pesek, Bloomberg

'Tomas Casas i Klett, co-author of the excellent new book 'Japan's Open Future' warns: 'The world can digest one mercantilist super economy, but not two'.' —Dan Slater, Finance Asia

'This recent book by Haffner and others, 'Japan's Open Future'...will surely stimulate us to reconsider the Japan problem.' —The Shanghai Review of Books in 'Oriental Morning Post'

'The three Western authors question Japan's attitude, suggesting new ways forward; Japan should embrace its Asian heritage, while maintaining friendly relations with the Western world. When Japan moves from closedness to openness, it will also bear responsibility for the world's politics and global economy.'
—'Social Sciences Weekly'

'The argument made by John Haffner, Tomas Casas i Klett, and Jean-Pierre Lehmann – a spirited call for an open, globally minded Japan – is certainly admirable, but I fear that there is little desire for openness and optimism among the Japanese people.' —Tobias Harris, 'Observing Japan' blog

'Adds a necessary perspective to the debate. The book provides a reminder that Japan's economic and political power should not be underestimated just because there are other rising stars in the neighborhood.'
—Arudou Debito, 'Debito.org'

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'The future could spell deep trouble if the Japanese do not understand the message of 'Japan's Open Future'.'
—Masaru Tamamoto, World Policy Institute

'I strongly recommend this book to the Japanese and international audience.' —Wu Jianmin, Former President of China Foreign Affairs University

'At the heart of this profound and at times gut-wrenching work, the authors ask the question, how will Japan participate in the post-American era?' —Mike Garrett, Former President, Nestlé Japan

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